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SUBJ: ARREST & DETENTION: VISITS TO LECUMBERRI PRISON OF
NOVEMBER 27 AND DECEMBER 4

1. ON NOVEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 4 CONSULAR OFFICERS
VISITED 61 OF THE 80 AMERICANS AT THE LECUMBERRI PRISON.
THIS BRINGS TO 24 THE NUMBER OF VISITS TO LECUMBERRI THIS
CALENDAR YEAR.

2. PRIOR TO INTERVIEWING THE PRISONERS THE VISITING
CONSULAR OFFICERS HELD A LONG DISCUSSION OF PRISON
CONDITIONS AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL GRIEVANCES PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED BY PRISONERS WITH GENERAL FRANCISCO ARCUATE
FRANCO, THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRISON. COL. GIL CARDENAS,
THE CHIEF OF SECURITY AT THE PRISON ALSO ATTENDED THE
MEETING. THE CONSULAR OFFICERS SUGGESTED AND THE DIRECTOR
WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION THAT A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERVIEWING
PRISONERS WAS NEEDED WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A MORE PRIVATE
AND MORE FAVORABLE SURROUNDINGS FOR THE INTERVIEWER.
THIS CHANGE, IT WAS HOPED, WOULD ESTABLISH CONDITIONS FOR
BETTER RAPPORT BETWEEN PRISONERS AND THE VISITING OFFICERS.
THE GENERAL ALSO EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR A LACK OF WORKING
COMMISSIONS AT THE PRISON AS WELL AS THE CORRECT PROCEDURE
FOR OBTAINING COMMISSIONS WHICH APPLY TO REDUCTION IN
SENTENCES.

2. EXCEPT FOR TWO, ALL THE INTERVIEWS WERE HELD IN A
FRIENDLY AND CALM ATMOSPHERE. ALL OF THE PRISONERS LOOKED
HEALTHY AND, AT LEAST OUTWARDLY, WELL-NOURISHED. IN GENERAL,
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GRIEVANCES WERE LIMITED TO THE TYPE OF MEDICAL FACILITIES

FURNISHED AND THE LIMITED NUMBER OF WORKING COMMISSIONS AVAILABLE. SOME PRISONERS WANTED FANCY DENTAL WORK PERFORMED WHICH IS SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE AT THE PRISON. EYE EXAMINATIONS HELD SECOND PLACE IN THIS TYPE OF GRIEVANCE. UPON LEAVING THE PRISON, THESE COMPLAINTS WERE REFERRED TO GENERAL ARCUATE WHO WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO EXPLAIN THAT TWO DOCTORS, ONE A GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND THE OTHER A DENTIST, MADE DAILY CALLS AT EACH DORMITORY. IN ADDITION TO THIS, HE SAID THAT TWO OPHTHALMOLOGISTS (ONE OF WHOM IS A RENOWNED EYE SURGEON) VISIT THE PRISON TWICE WEEKLY.
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